

The Japan Foundation Travel Support for Scholars Attending the AAS 2026 Annual Conference Instructions

1. Program Description

This travel support program assists emerging scholars in attending the AAS 2026 Annual Conference, to be held in Vancouver, B.C., Canada from March 12 to 15, 2026. Through this program, the Japan Foundation aims to support scholars' academic career development and foster stronger networks among Japan scholars in Southeast Asia.

2. Eligibility

Awardees shall fulfill all the followings:

- (1) Scholars who hold nationality in Southeast Asian countries or are affiliated with a Japanese studies institution in Southeast Asia;
- (2) Scholars who have obtained Master's degree and above, or Master's course students hoping to enroll in doctoral course, who are engaged in Japan-related research and are eager to build networks with researchers from various countries/research fields;
- (3) Scholars who can participate in the conference for the full duration, March 12 to 15, 2026. To attend the conference, scholars shall arrive in Vancouver on March 11 and leave on March 16 (subject to flight schedules);
- (4) Scholars who are accepted as panelist or moderator at AAS 2026 Annual Conference;
- (5) Scholars who are able to communicate in English are desirable.

3. Priority

- (1) Young scholars or those who can contribute to the development of young scholars
- (2) Applicants who are conducting studies that bridge Southeast Asian or Asian regional studies and Japanese studies, and who contribute to the promotion of Japanese studies within ASEAN countries through cross-regional human exchange
- (3) Applicants who do not have other sources of funding

4. Items to be Provided

- (1) Conference registration fee;
- (2) Airfare for a round-trip ticket up to USD1,500, in principle, between the airport nearest to one's residence and Vancouver International Airport (YVR). The Japan Foundation only covers cost for airfare of discount-economy tickets;
*Items covered by the grant are limited to airfare only. Additional costs associated with airfare, such as overseas travel insurance or additional baggage fees, will not be covered.
- (3) Accommodation for 5 nights (Check-in: March 11, Check-out: March 16, subject to flight schedules).

*If an additional night before the conference is required due to flight schedules, this can be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

*Awardees must stay in the hotel designated by the Japan Foundation.

5. Application Procedure

Please submit the Application Form, proof of acceptance from 2026 AAS selection committee and CV by e-mail to the Japan Foundation, Jakarta studijepang@jpf.go.jp. The deadline is October 17, 2025.

6. Basic Terms and Conditions:

- (1) Awardees are required to arrive a day before the conference starts (March 11, 2026) and leave after the conference ends (March 16, 2026) to/from Vancouver to cover the whole duration of conference and related activities of the Japan Foundation (subject to flight schedules);
- (2) Awardees are required to attend meetings/events held by the Japan Foundation scheduled before/after/during the conference. Details will be provided later;
- (3) If awardees were found not following the above (1) and (2), the Japan Foundation may ask awardees for refund of costs that the Japan Foundation had borne for them;
- (4) If awardees decided not to attend the conference after they submit the “acceptance form”, the Japan Foundation may ask them to refund any costs that the Japan Foundation had already borne for them;
- (5) Awardees must submit a report by April 30, 2026;
- (6) After returning to their home countries, awardees are expected to actively share the outcomes of their research and contribute to the internationalization of Japanese studies.
- (7) Awardees are expected to actively participate in future Japanese studies programs organized by the Japan Foundation.
- (8) Awardees must obtain necessary visa for entry to Canada, and bear the cost;
- (9) This travel support provides financial assistance but does not cover the whole cost of travel. Items not covered in the above “4. Items to be Provided” must be borne by the awardee. Also, the Japan Foundation strongly recommends the awardees to acquire travel insurance by themselves.

7. Contact:

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